

REMARKSRejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

The Examiner has rejected claims 11-28 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph stating that "there is insufficient antecedent basis" for "the list" recited in claims 11, 21, and 26. The Examiner further stated that the disclosure of the invention does not "talk about a list."

The "list" previously recited in independent claims 11, 21, and 26 was not intended as a structural limitation but rather was used as a typical claim drafting technique to associate the multiple types of connections. Applicants have amended claims 11, 21, and 26 to associate the multiple types of connections using a different claim drafting technique. The amendments to claims 11, 21, and 26 have not narrowed the scope of these claims, because the amendments have merely change the form and not the substance of these claims.

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 11, 21, and 26 satisfy all requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicants request the Examiner to withdraw the rejection.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendment, Applicant believe the pending application is in condition for allowance. The required fee for this response is enclosed. If any additional fee is due, please charge Deposit Account No. 08-2025, under Order No. 20001670-4 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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